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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO R. GONZALES ON THE CONVICTION OF HAMID HAYAT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales issued the following statement on the conviction of Hamid Hayat by a jury in the Eastern District of California on a charge of providing material support to terrorists and three charges of making false statements to the FBI:

“Today a jury convicted Hamid Hayat on charges of providing material support to terrorists and lying to the FBI about his attendance at a terrorist training camp. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the number one priority of the Department has been to detect, disrupt and prevent terrorist acts. In this particular case, justice has been served against a man who supported and trained with our terrorist enemies in pursuit of his goal of violent jihad. I congratulate the many agents and prosecutors who brought this case -- the country is a safer place because of their efforts.”

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